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MARVEL 8

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The wise Jedi Master Yoda has lived a long life in service to the greater good of the galaxy. After the rise of the Galactic Empire, he now spends his days on the secluded swamp world Dagobah, awaiting an important visitor and reflecting on his many adventures....

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SIZE MATTERS NOT
PART TWO: THE FORGE

Yoda and Anakin Skywalker have learned of a weapon that could alter the course of the Clone Wars: a new breed of "Megadroids" that the Army of the Republic would be powerless to stand against.

Now Yoda and Skywalker lead a company of clone troopers to the planet of Golatha to destroy the foundry producing the Megadroids before the first prototypes can come online....

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GOLATHA?

IT'S A SMALL PLANET HIDDEN INSIDE A NEBULA IN THE OUTER RIM...

...SO *SMALL* THAT THE SEPARATISTS DON'T SEE A NEED FOR IT TO BE HEAVILY GUARDED.

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN, GENERAL SKYWALKER?

SIMPLE: WE GO IN WITH *COMPANY 326*--

--OUR CONTINGENT OF CLONES HAS TO BE *BIGGER* THAN WHATEVER SKELETON CREW THEY HAVE GUARDING THE FACTORY BUILDING THESE "*MEGADROIDS*"--

--AND WE TAKE IT OUT.

MASTER *YODA?* DO YOU HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT GENERAL SKYWALKER'S PLAN?

YOU LOOK... *CONCERNED.*

GENERAL SKYWALKER'S PLAN IS SOUND.

BUT *CAUTIOUS*, WE MUST REMAIN. OVERCONFIDENT IN THE SIZE OF OUR FORCES AGAINST THEIRS, WE MUST NOT BE.

AGREED. GOOD LUCK.

AND MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

TRANSMISSION ENDED, SIR.

YOU THINK I'M BEING OVERCONFIDENT?

SAID THAT, I DID NOT.

"OVERCONFIDENT IN THE SIZE OF OUR FORCES AGAINST THEIRS, WE MUST NOT BE."

SOME WORK, YOUR IMPRESSION OF ME NEEDS, GENERAL SKYWALKER.

I'M JUST SAYING: OUR CLONES CAN HANDLE WHATEVER THE CLANKERS THROW AT US.

THE MEGADROIDS--THIS "OPERATION: TITAN"--COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE WAR.

RIGHT. AND?

AND FOLLOW, IT DOES THAT WHATEVER SECURITY THEY HAVE PUT IN PLACE, ***SUFFICIENT*** IT MUST BE.

OR... MAYBE WE'RE JUST CATCHING A BREAK THIS ONE TIME.

GENERALS...

"...WE'RE APPROACHING THE ***GOLATHA NEBULA.***"

Golatha.

HMM...

CARE TO ELABORATE?

SEE FOR YOURSELF.

THE FACTORY IS LOCATED IN THIS VALLEY...

...BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF IT FROM UP HERE, YOU'RE RIGHT.

UNDERGROUND, THE FACILITY MUST BE.

LIKE YOU SAID, "HMM." BUT...

"...THERE HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF SURFACE *ACCESS POINT*. AT LEAST A HATCH OF SOME KIND."

CAPTAIN CESAR...?

YES, GENERAL?

READY YOUR TROOPS.

DESCEND INTO THE VALLEY, WE MUST.

"AND *CAUTIOUSLY* SO."

PRETTY QUIET.

I WOULD'VE EXPECTED AT LEAST A *PATROL*...

PEW

PEW

PEW

PEW

PEW

SAYING, YOU WERE?

I KNOW, I KNOW...

...I JUST THOUGHT THAT, FOR ONCE...

NNNN

CHEW

CHEW

CHEW

CHEW

HGH--

GNF--

HGG!

KRIT, THIS ISN'T A VALLEY...

...IT'S A KILLBOX.

TURN THIS TO OUR ADVANTAGE, WE MUST.

I GET IT...

...THE DROIDS HAVE TO BE FIRING ON US FROM SOMEWHERE.

AND THAT "SOMEWHERE" IS PROBABLY UNDERGROUND.

LIKE THE FACTORY WE SEEK.

ZHAM

NGF!

CESAR!

I'M-- I'M SORRY, GENERAL...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, CESAR...

GIVE--

GIVE THEM HELL...

DAMN.

STAY WITH THE TROOPS...

WHY?

"WHERE ARE *YOU* GOING?"

CHK

UH-OH...

MANY OF MY FRIENDS, YOU AND *YOUR* FRIENDS HAVE KILLED.

TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE HIDING, YOU *WILL*.

ZZZZZHMMM

MASTER YODA?

SHRAM

CHAK

PEW PEW

I HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE DROID GUARDS...

...BUT OUR FORCES HAVE BEEN DEPLETED.

WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW--

MORE DROIDS IN THE FACTORY, THERE WILL BE. ONLY TWO OF US, THERE ARE NOW.

GOOD THING THE SIZE OF AN ARMY DOESN'T MATTER...

...ONLY THE *TACTICS* IT USES.

YOUR IMPRESSION OF ME, GETTING BETTER IT IS.

NOW IT FALLS TO US TO ASSURE THAT OUR COMRADES DID NOT DIE FOR NOTHING.

WHILE ELIMINATING THE DROIDS, I SAW THE ACCESS POINT...

...HERE.

CHK

PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

I DON'T "PROCEED" ANY OTHER WAY.

THAT HAS NOT BEEN MY EXPERIENCE.

CAREFUL...

...THERE ARE MORE DROIDS HERE.

PEW PEW PEW PEW

SHRAAM SHRAAM

CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM CHOOM

YOU MEAN, THERE WERE.

THIS WAY...

FIND THE *ASSEMBLY LINE* MANUFACTURING THESE "MEGADROIDS," WE MUST.

OKAY, BUT WHEN WE DO, WHAT'S YOUR *PLAN* FOR TAKING IT OUT?

I HAVE EIGHT *THERMAL DETONATORS* IN MY PACK.

HOPE THAT'LL BE ENOUGH.

HAVE FAITH, YOUNG SKYWALKER.

BY THE LIGHT...

...IT'S SO *BIG*.

WE'LL *NEVER* BE ABLE TO DESTROY THIS WHOLE PLACE.

DO NOT BE SO SURE...

SEE THAT *CENTRAL COLUMN*, DO YOU? IT APPEARS TO HOLD UP THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE.

YOU'RE THINKING THAT IF WE TAKE IT DOWN, IT'LL TAKE THE FACTORY WITH IT?

"I JUST THOUGHT THAT, FOR ONCE, WE'D GET LUCKY."

THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD IMPRESSION OF ME, ACTUALLY.

THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE *GUARDS* HERE, BUT DIDN'T YOU THINK THEY'D PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT?

I'M NOT...

DO NOT BE *OVERCONFIDENT.*

...JUST *CONFIDENT.*

ZZZHMMM

HRM.

HELP ME SET THE CHARGES...

"...AND ESCAPE TO THE SURFACE, WE WILL."

KM

HOW MUCH TIME BEFORE THE CHARGES GO OFF?

I WOULD SAY...

"...RIGHT NOW."

CHOOOOOOOOOM

WE'RE JUST LUCKY WE GOT HERE BEFORE ANY *PROTOTYPES* COULD MAKE IT OFF THE LINE.

RRMMMMMBBBLLLLL

THAT SOUND...

THE FACTORY MUST BE *CAVING IN...*

NO...

"...SOMETHING ELSE, I FEAR THIS IS."

CHAK

CHAK

CHAK

KBOOM

OKAY, I ADMIT IT... WHEN I TALKED ABOUT NO PROTOTYPES MAKING IT OFF THE LINE...

...THAT TIME I WAS OVERCONFIDENT.

INDEED.

EASY, THIS WILL NOT BE.

To be continued....

NEXT

The Megadroid is on the march, and only Yoda and Anakin Skywalker can stop it!

But what is the lesson Yoda is trying to impart to young Skywalker?

And back on Dagobah, who has Yoda been speaking to all this time?

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